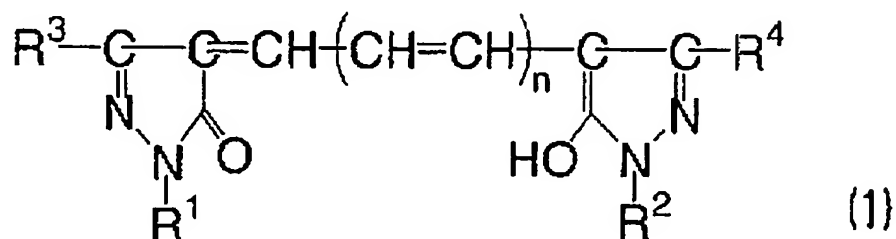


**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

1. (currently amended): A heat-sensitive recording material having a support and a heat-sensitive recording layer, which contains a diazonium salt compound and a coupler compound that reacts with the diazonium salt to develop a color, wherein the recording material contains an oxonol dye represented by the following formula (1):



wherein in formula (1), R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are a substituted aryl group having a substituent with a dissociable proton or a salt thereof, and R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> represent independently an alkyl group, an aryl group, a substituted aryl group or a COOR group (wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group); and n represents 0, 1 or 2,

wherein the amount of the oxonol dye is  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  g/m<sup>2</sup>.

2. (canceled).

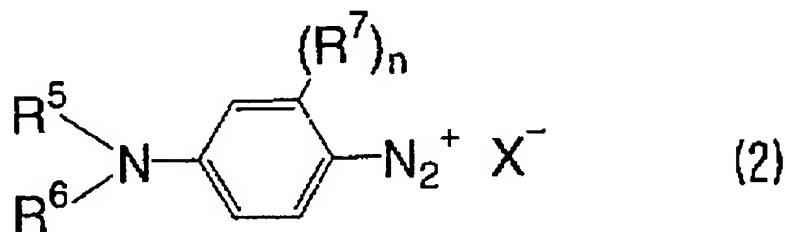
3. (canceled).

4. (original): A heat-sensitive recording material according to claim 1, wherein the diazonium salt compound is contained in microcapsules.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (original): A heat-sensitive recording material according to claim 1, wherein the diazonium salt compound is represented by the following formula (2):



wherein in formula (2),  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  represent independently a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, provided that  $\text{R}^5$  and  $\text{R}^6$  may be the same or different as long as they are not both hydrogen atoms at the same time;  $\text{R}^7$  represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryloxy group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkylthio group, a substituted or unsubstituted arylthio group, a halogen atom, or a substituted amino group;  $\text{X}^-$  represents an acid anion; and  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4.

8. (canceled).

9. (canceled).

10.(canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (canceled).

13. (canceled).

14. (canceled).

15. (canceled).

16. (canceled).

17. (canceled).

18. (canceled).

19. (canceled).

20. (canceled).

21. (new): A heat-sensitive recording material according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the oxonol dye is  $5 \times 10^{-5}$  to  $5 \times 10^{-4}$  g/m<sup>2</sup>.

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22. (new): A heat-sensitive recording material according to claim 1, wherein the substituent with a dissociable proton, or a salt thereof, is COOH, SO<sub>3</sub>H, or a salt thereof.